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... *Challenge yourself* with an internship at the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) where interns play an *integral role* in the organization's work. CBO provides Congress with analyses and estimates necessary for economic and budget decisions. CBO interns participate in a variety of related activities such as preparing cost estimates, analyses, and forecasts, researching policy, and analyzing issues related to the *budget and economic policy*. Interns also have numerous opportunities to attend seminars, lectures, and congressional hearings to learn the ins and outs of life on the Hill. Through a CBO summer internship, you will *acquire knowledge and skills* applicable to your future wherever it may lead.

*But don't take our word for it; here is what some of this summer's interns have to say about their experiences with CBO:*

"My CBO internship has been instructive and rewarding. I am working on a project to determine how FEMA responds to different types of natural disasters. I have been exposed to a real world of policy, one that is complicated, challenging and demands critical analytic and writing skills."

—**Ali Aslam**

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"I am working on a variety of issues in the Office of the Director, including the review of technical reports written by CBO staff and the analyzing of federal legislation. I have enjoyed the opportunity to apply both my knowledge of the political process as a former House staffer and academic background in economics during my internship."

—**Stephen Ciccarella**

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"I thought that CBO was just for economists, yet this internship has shown that policy analysis is equally vital to the nature of CBO's work. I analyze current legislation to determine whether there are private sector mandates, and how the bill will impact the private sector overall. My documentation goes into the bill's final cost estimate that gets reported to Congress. It has been a real hands-on experience!"

—**Sarah Sitarek**

American University, MA, International Economic Policy



"I am working on a project that attempts to quantify the factors that affect the U.S. current account deficit. Our estimates will be used to make forecasts of future trade deficits, and ultimately, to assist in the analysis of business cycles and economic growth. I have been studying theoretical international economics for the past two years in graduate school, but nothing I could do in school would be as beneficial as doing actual estimation on real world data."

—**Charles Bronowski**

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